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Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown,
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My dear Dr. Brown:-

Its a long while since I sat down to write you a letter. In fact I have been doing very little in the letter writing line for some time past. I want to thank you for your kind letter of sympathy when our only child, Hollie, was down with scarlet fever. We heard also of your own sickness and our sympathies went out to you most heartily.

Work here continues to go along well. I wrote Mr. Hand some time ago in regard to the sale of the Kong Dong Kol property and we got an excellent price for the same, 38,000 yen, with which your committee here in accordance with your conditions is to purchase certain land in the center of the city and when we know just what the balance will be we will write and make certain suggestions, accompanied by a request, as to how this might be used to help out in real estate and building problems that ~~confront~~ confront our Station and Mission. We are at the present time, in accordance with instructions from the Mission and Station, endeavoring to see whether the old Hospital property, where Dr. Avison lived, can be retained. If this can be retained the Station will be in a fairly good position for its work. If this is not to be retained and the government pays us the amount of money due on this property, we will then in detail lay our requests concerning the use of these funds before the Board.

I want to thank you for what you have done in regard to

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relieving the financial situation of the Korea Mission, and I cannot quite understand about the mistake concerning special gifts and their use. At the Annual Meeting there was a natural comparing of notes and the facts as brought out, resulted from a careful compilation of the funds as gathered by the Women's Boards and from statements made by officials of the Board. The only way in which I can account for the mistake is that items, perchance collected by some of the Women's Boards and sent, perchance, in lump sums to the general treasurer, were not reported to the Board as for special objects; and yet we receive notes of these items being granted from/ perchance, Sunday Schools, Women's Societies or Churches, and we are not in a position ~~and~~ to write and ask these same societies to give more to these objects. Take for instance an actual fact that arose here in Korea where a church at home has said that it will provide all the funds needed for the evangelistic work of a certain station. *Mission* *Van* *fers* It provides the full amount asked for by that Station; but in the distribution of the grant as it reaches us, perchance only one-half is available, and the Church at home which stands perfectly ready to give more if needed, cannot well be written to and asked to give more when only one half perhaps of what it has already given has been used for the object for which it was subscribed. Take my own case. My money for itineration has been so cut this year that I have not enough to do the itinerating that I had-planned. Rev. Mr. Leggett of Staten Island is giving the full amount. If the amount (\$104.00) is insufficient he would give more. I am debarred from writing to him that it is insufficient, because he has already given the \$104.00 and only

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about twenty-five of it could be assigned to my itineration. Of course the subsequent gift of the Board which you secured relieves this; but it does not affect the question as to how the matter stands.

I am just starting off for a prolonged trip through Whang Hai Do, to look into possible sites for a new station there and cannot write more. With kindest regards from us all,

Yours most sincerely,

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